

(f) The allotment of funds during 2000-2001 for the projects already sanctioned by the Railways are as under:—

(iii) Bangalore-Kengeri (12.5 Km) - Rs. 0.1 cr.

(iv) Kengeri-Ramanagaram (32 Km) - Rs. 0.1 cr.

Gauge Conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia Rail Line

† 2284. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given approval to the scheme for conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia narrow gauge rail line into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Target date for completion of the Jabalpur-Gondia gauge conversion project has not yet been fixed.

Procurement of Wagons from Public Sector Wagon Builders

2285. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Industry had asked Railways to order 60 per cent of railways wagons on public wagon builders in November, 99;

(b) whether Railway Ministry has stated that these companies could not be trusted with huge order, as reported in Telegraph, dated 18th and 19th July, 2000;

(c) if so, the reason therefor;

(d) whether Industry Ministry has again asked for reservation of 60 per cent wagon orders on the PSUs for four years; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Railway Ministry on the same?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.